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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS AND/OR RETURNING MEMBERS WHO BLEW UP THE MILL?

Frank and Margie Blount are seeking information about the Town of Roper and the Blounts' who lived there and want to know? Who Blew Up the Mill?

NOTICE - NOVEMBER MEETING DATE CHANGED

The November meeting will be a social gathering - Dutch dinner at the Ram Albemarle, Plymouth. Friday, 18 Nov 1994 - 7 pm. Seafood buffet (Russell Tyson, president, says other entrees can be ordered if you can't or don't eat seafood.)

1995 OFFICERS ELECTED AT ANNUAL MEETING

Officers for 1995, elected at the October annual meeting held at the Washington County Library, are: Russell Tyson, president; Louise Spruill, vice president; Peggy Adams, recording secretary; Lawrence Swain, treasurer; and Shirleyan Phelps, corresponding secretary. Vernon Everett was elected to serve an additional 3-year term as director.

MEET YOUR OFFICERS / DIRECTORS

Barbara Rose Modlin Revels (Williamston, NC) is corresponding secretary for WCGS. She is also the first president, and one of the major motivating forces behind last year's organization of our neighboring county's (Martin) genealogical society. She edits MCGS' monthly newsletter; that Society has just completed publication of a Civil War book.

A native of Martin County, Barbara is married to Joseph Cleophus Revels, Jr.; they are the parents of four children. Barbara was actively involved in Girl Scouts in the county and district for 17 years; now, she's switched to Cub Scouts because of their six grandchildren.

Barbara began earnestly researching her ancestors about five or six years ago; before that time, she sorta "pondered" about who they were. Five families are working on her father's Modlin line. On her grandmother's line, research has extended to the 1600s.

The Revels family are active members of First Christian Church, Williamston, where Barbara is a member of a lady's circle.

Barbara bears witness to the merits of the statement: If you want something done, ask a busy person to do it.

(Barbara's ancestor chart appears on page 21 of the WCGS *Summer Journal* - 1993.)

WASHINGTON COUNTY BICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE

The WCBC held its second meeting in October; it was decided to do further research on the county's history by asking volunteers to "adopt" one or more decades. Patricia Monte, Curator of the Port O'Plymouth Museum, volunteered to accept the challenge of the Civil War Era; while two members of WCGS, Virginia Haire and Loretta Phelps adopted the period prior to 1810 and the decade just after the Civil War. Other decades adopted include: WCGS officers Louise Spruill and Peggy Adams, 1841 to 1850. The group will meet the second Tuesday of each month at least until plans get fully underway; Dutch luncheon at 11:30 a.m., at Western Steer, Plymouth. WCGS members are invited to be present or to share ideas and suggestions. Volunteers are needed to begin work on other decades.

CONCORD PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH PRESERVATION SOCIETY, INC.

A tentative date has been set for the 1995 Homecoming: Saturday, 27 May 1994 at 11 am. At a recent meeting held at Miss Donnie's in Creswell, members of the Society expressed gratitude at the beauty of the old meeting house and for the help local folks have provided in repairing the building. An interesting program has also been planned, with a special out-of-state speaker having been invited to talk about his ancestors in the area of Creswell and Cherry.

HAVE YOU ENTERED THE COMPUTER AGE YET?

Pick up almost any publication, especially magazines for computer users, and you'll find an increased emphasis on electronically recording research data. Genealogical magazines are advertising new media - compact discs, for research, not just in modern libraries, but in the privacy of your own home. Unless you've recently updated your equipment, or made new purchases, many computers of yesterday are no longer adequate. Prices have plummeted - making a personal computer affordable for almost everyone. Problem is: which genealogical software to choose? The market is growing - careful consideration should be given to this selection. It is not just the price of the software - it's whether or not you can transfer all that data, once entered, into a new program choice.

HAVE A HAPPY THANKSGIVING AND PRE-YULE SEASON

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